PRESIDENT: Very well. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the committee amendments to LB 960 would restrict the State matching funds for this Eminent Scholars Program for...to choose three so that there will only be three Eminent Scholars per campus and that the...the role and mission, the three role and mission priority areas are instruction, research, and public service. So it restricts the...the original intent of 960 and it would therefore reduce the cost of it for the state matching funds as a result of that and I think that that probably meets, I'm not sure but I think that it meets with the...with the approval of the introducer. I'll let the introducer speak for himself. Those are the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: These amendments do meet with my approval.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the committee amendments to LB 960? If not, all those in favor...Senator Higgins, did you wish to...all those in favor of the committee amendments to LB 960 vote aye, opposed vote no. Voting on the committee amendments to LB 960 as explained by Senator Vickers. Please record your vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments to LB 960. Please record your vote. Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted and the Chair recognizes Senator Landis on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. The Eminent Scholars Program, it is an appropriation of \$350,000 to be matched on a two-for-one basis by private sources for the purposes of investment, the..the interest from which will support the bringing of eminent scholars to Nebraska at any one of the State institutions, meaning State colleges, UNO, the Med Center, UNL, and the like. It is one

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